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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3179)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 27, 2014)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the regulation of snowmobiles, and making
2 penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321G.3, Code 2014, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **321G.3 ~~Registration~~ Resident registration and user permit**
4 **required — farm exemption — penalties.**

5 1. Each snowmobile used by a resident on public land,
6 public ice, or a designated snowmobile trail of this state
7 shall be currently registered in this state pursuant to section
8 321G.4. A ~~person~~ resident shall not operate, maintain, or give
9 permission for the operation or maintenance of a snowmobile
10 on public land, public ice, or a designated snowmobile trail
11 unless the snowmobile is registered in accordance with this
12 ~~chapter or applicable federal laws or in accordance with an~~
13 ~~approved numbering system of another state and the evidence~~
14 ~~of registration is in full force and effect.~~ A The owner
15 of a snowmobile must also ~~be issued~~ obtain a user permit in
16 accordance with ~~this chapter~~ section 321G.4A.

17 2. The owner of a snowmobile that is exempt from regular
18 registration under section 321G.8, subsection 2, for which a
19 certificate of title has been issued, may apply for a special
20 farm registration certificate which shall be issued without
21 payment of a registration fee, upon payment of a writing fee
22 as provided in section 321G.27 and an administrative fee
23 established by the commission. A registration decal shall not
24 be issued for the snowmobile and the special farm registration
25 shall not expire so long as the snowmobile remains exempt from
26 regular registration.

27 ~~2.~~ 3. A violation of subsection 1 is punishable as a
28 scheduled violation under section 805.8B, subsection 2,
29 paragraph "a". When the scheduled fine is paid, the violator
30 shall submit proof to the department that a valid registration
31 and user permit have been obtained by providing a copy of the
32 registration and user permit to the department within thirty
33 days of the date the fine is paid. A person who violates this
34 subsection is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

35 Sec. 2. Section 321G.4, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2014, are

1 amended to read as follows:

2 2. The owner of the snowmobile shall file an application for
3 registration with the department through the county recorder
4 of the county of residence, ~~or in the case of a nonresident~~
5 ~~owner, in the county of primary use,~~ in the manner established
6 by the commission. The application shall be completed by the
7 owner and shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars and
8 a writing fee as provided in section 321G.27. A snowmobile
9 shall not be registered by the county recorder until the
10 county recorder is presented with receipts, bills of sale,
11 or other satisfactory evidence that the sales or use tax has
12 been paid for the purchase of the snowmobile or that the
13 owner is exempt from paying the tax. A snowmobile that has
14 an expired registration certificate from another state may be
15 registered in this state upon proper application, payment of
16 all applicable registration and writing fees, and payment of a
17 penalty of five dollars.

18 4. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2, a snowmobile ~~that~~
19 ~~is more than thirty years old~~ manufactured prior to 1984 may
20 be registered as an antique snowmobile for a one-time fee
21 of twenty-five dollars, which shall exempt the owner from
22 annual registration and fee requirements for that snowmobile.
23 However, if ownership of ~~such a~~ an antique snowmobile is
24 transferred, the new owner shall register the snowmobile and
25 pay the one-time fee as required under this subsection. A
26 snowmobile may be registered under this section with only a
27 signed bill of sale as evidence of ownership.

28 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 321G.4B Nonresident requirements —
29 penalties.

30 1. A nonresident wishing to operate a snowmobile on public
31 land, public ice, or a designated snowmobile trail of this
32 state shall obtain a user permit in accordance with section
33 321G.4A. In addition to obtaining a user permit, a nonresident
34 shall display a current registration decal or other evidence
35 of registration or numbering required by the owner's state of

1 residence unless the owner resides in a state that does not
2 register or number snowmobiles.

3 2. A violation of subsection 1 is punishable as a scheduled
4 violation under section 805.8B, subsection 2, paragraph "a".
5 When the scheduled fine is paid, the violator shall submit
6 proof to the department that a user permit has been obtained
7 and provide evidence of registration or numbering as required
8 by the owner's state of residence, if applicable, to the
9 department within thirty days of the date the fine is paid.
10 A person who violates this section is guilty of a simple
11 misdemeanor.

12 Sec. 4. Section 321G.8, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 2. Snowmobiles used exclusively as farm implements, except
15 as provided in section 321G.3, subsection 2.

16 Sec. 5. Section 321G.20, Code 2014, is amended by striking
17 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 **321G.20 Operation by persons under sixteen.**

19 A person under sixteen years of age shall not operate a
20 snowmobile on a designated snowmobile trail, public land, or
21 public ice unless the operation is under the direct supervision
22 of a parent, legal guardian, or another person of at least
23 eighteen years of age authorized by the parent or guardian,
24 who is experienced in snowmobile operation and who possesses
25 a valid driver's license, as defined in section 321.1, or an
26 education certificate issued under this chapter.

27 Sec. 6. Section 321G.24, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 1. A person ~~under eighteen~~ twelve through seventeen years
30 of age shall not operate a snowmobile on public land, public
31 ice, a designated snowmobile trail, or land purchased with
32 snowmobile registration funds in this state without obtaining a
33 ~~valid~~ an education certificate approved by the department and
34 having the certificate in the person's possession, unless the
35 person is accompanied on the same snowmobile by a responsible

1 person of at least eighteen years of age who is experienced in
2 snowmobile operation and possesses a valid driver's license, as
3 defined in section 321.1, or an education certificate issued
4 under this chapter.

5 Sec. 7. Section 805.8B, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
6 2014, is amended to read as follows:

7 a. For registration or user permit violations under section
8 321G.3, subsection 1, or section 321G.4B, the scheduled fine
9 is fifty dollars.